Hursley Museum Services – March 2023

Current Activities

A new volunteer is joining the team later this month. He is a retiree who, like three of us, was once a Customer Engineer.

We have also received more donations, including some PC-XTs, PC software and games, and a 1950s typewriter.

We are slowly reintroducing visits to the museum. These will be coordinated by Hursley employees and in the main led by lab volunteers. Curators will be providing training and backup.

Complementary Bletchley Park Display

We have now received permission from GCHQ to use a couple of photographs of war time Bletchley Park for our new display.

Document Scanning for Germany

Our colleagues in Böblingen are in the process of moving the museum to the new location at Schönaich, a few kilometres down the road. They had a problem with a 9335 disk drive, and no documentation. Fortunately this was a Hursley development, and the site library holds copies of a lot of, maybe all (but we don't know for sure), locally developed products and we were able to find the manual they needed. This was scanned over the course of a weekend (429 pages) and sent to them. We also offered a copy to Bitsavers, which they gratefully accepted.

Photo Archive – Negatives & Prints

We are slowly working through the thousands of photographs taking up much room in the back office. Pictures of IBM hardware, or development and manufacturing locations are being scanned at home, and we are finding some interesting photos of hardware we cannot yet identify. The aim is to retain a scanned archive of these items on the photo website and binning everything else.